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SETTING UP OF LAB FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad has recently sent a proposal to the Central Zoc Authority (CZA) for the setting up of a lab in which genetic material of the endangered species is to be preserved for posterity ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(c) whether India have the capability to clone animals ;

(d) if so, number of samples of species preserved for cloning ;

(e) whether CZA is maintaining record of the animals who have become extinct ;

(f) if so, the details thereof ;

(g) whether any research has been conducted on artificial insemination in endangered species; and

(h) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a)&(b) : Yes Sir. A proposal for establishment of a Laboratory for conservation of endangered species was sent by CCMB, Hyderabad to CZA and Department of Biotechnology. Government has agreed to fund it.

(c)&(d) : Yes Sir. CCMB, a laboratory of CSIR, has developed expertise to clone animals. No samples have been preserved as yet.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g)&(h) : Yes Sir. The said research is being conducted at CCMB and Nehru Zoological Park, HyderabadA technique for artificial insemination has been standardized for lions, tigers, leopards and deers.